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The 27th day of the 11th month 1667

Dear
gouldst thou bring fresh upon my mind wth A
reverend blessing of here by appears before the and
make good to add this to my former dated the 19th mo last
it not going away according to expectation and I con-
sidering of my over ~~business~~ in being so tedious every
way do intend if I can get the same into my hand wth
it now out to open it and take out the answer to
fig: Certificate it not being worth thy while to give it
neither had I mentioned it only on the occasion of thy
writing to me concerning ^{him} but A neutral one
it was at also my letter to Joseph Burdon about
R.L. because gift: had write & it since he to Barbados
A copy of the most material of these of sent to me
& I question not but friends here will vindicate him
only this observed that he stayed here but one week
after his Certificate was given him and thou wilt find
his Certificate large and full and signed by some of those
that are his accusers to gift: and what more I know
not and after his Certificate signed I do not find by
his journal that he was in any meeting of public
business upon the Island in six weeks stay & then to give
the hint to us here after traveling as by R. Stords
letter to father in law looks very plain

The Commission do go on wth growing wariness that I am in-
formed for 10 or 12 years it can't possibly be granted & unpaid
I can assure thee I do not expect to see any more of this
Commission but all it appears to me it will be very plain
born by people in general & I further think it will
be about to take on Gary and wth the same
first answer but Gary who are the most dangerous
the most dangerous who will do any thing
and to take away the first wth the same
granted (who have entered the same wth the same
or more power and ability to oppose the contrary) to
break for Gary A people will be wth the same
if thou think me not over bold to take so much upon me
as thus to inform thee I can assure thee I only give

I only give it ^{on the whole} of my sense of it, for what I am con-
-sidered if they or those should require any or all my
ungrated land I could readily give it if I could appear
no way pleasing to save it for I know my self to be
more doable to them than I can answer for them
hadst A & I left to me not only in words but thy
actions declared it afore thou wilt know me for
wif I say I am greatly doer and desire my behavior
may ^{be} sure as thou may have no cause to repent thee
of thy kindness;

The land I have in Wrights Town is 1200 acres and
only one settlement upon it I lately offered to have
given one 100 acres of land if he would have sealed
there and he has since bought 100 at a very great
price. Before then he went so far into the woods there is
about 500 acres yet to take up in the town the people
there about are much discontented wth P Wright and his
claiming tracts he played here they think much to call
it after ^{him} sure a runagadoes name he has not been
in those parts these several years therefore desire thee
to give it a name I have some times called it Con-
-loner because it lies near the middle of the County
it may be supposed & the town is laid out wth A
Center in the middle of 600 acres or there about.

The original writing beneath this
was crossed by Phumbe Perubutus
it is to be perfectly illegible.
The ink penetrated through the
paper - partly destroying it & writing
much of the text in the opposite direction
if not impossible to read

H. S.
Oct 12 1875.

The parson who sold some of land lately dead out of the family
Blackfan is a very close man to the and the unknown
by public and private and I never heard nothing but of

to has arrived very well since his coming and gained
a good report except amongst the disaffected who say of
wife of him in private but those I regard not he is
mightily careful in his business here and fit for the place
but he is restless, his mind being in England he is
much for having his proclamation followed for ungrated
lands I told him I rather believe them used it as a spec
to put on people to grab those lands from sellers or
sell it at reasonable terms then to take it away from
them but he is very earnest to perform thy mind in all
matters so far as I understand or find the rest of thy
family be indifferent with my wife I leave her to
thee and thine she is very weak still my
mothers dear love is also to the she is lately
come from penbury to be house wif James and
acts as fast as time will permit for a Dr. Knison was
here this week to make up his acts for what he
had delivered to far. the rest he will make up wth
the good things

I forgot to tell thee that upon the 4th mo. last
A Cook & Dam Jennings Robt Dinsdale & I were chosen
Arbitrators to decide the difference between J. Grady &
Gordon but it was the most railing & vilifying business
of our lives I saw I never since I came into this province
saw such a manly & unmannerly fight between
the worst in the province as the day past between
them we only sat to see them before them selves
and returned home that night I went to A.C. Comins
some weeks next day I saw a storm arise when
short of the house I father & mother were in
the front parlor next the kitchen & a clap of
thunder came & pitched upon the stack of chimneys
next the kitchen & sent one half of them down
the storm came wth such force into the room we
were in some of them ran to the hall door & were
in the house a little longer wth its power but got out
it again quickly but we in the room fell nothing
but small things what we saw a summer of bread
full thunders it has been one man killed in Chester County
a abundance of trees torn to pieces in the woods

my letter not I have will weary the day for comfort and am truly thy in the last word to

upon the 19th of the 10th mo a mighty whale came by
my house down the river he gave one great snort
above the house one over agt the house one be-
low the house my mt being a river told me of
being walked out of doors but I was so feeble I
did not get soon enough to the river to see him
but he says one of the biggest sort by those cy:
have knowledge in such treasures of Nature has
went up a little before. & met wth the fish
above my house & told get no further & there for
returned down river out after him but he caught
them all

Ralph Smith when he dyed made a will (and left father in law &
Ja: Atkinson executors but Ja: At. refused I wth father in law
had done so too) A copy where of I have sent thee at all of
the Inventory and of the Debt as they stand in his book
that if thou think fit thou may give them as to the will
it was not well willed of course cy: Ralph was so
much afraid of Jon having the land cy: if privilla
should have had it but she told not how given it to
her child because says he to be relations afore marriage
and Jon thought it the house is framed & like to be
destroyed by fire for want of effort none of his
debtly cy: he knew of will own any of his debtly
his sisters give by letters very much for their legacies
some of them craving some flattering & some
threatning and in all manner as thou seems to be
acts between thee and him in hopes of thy coming
father has still delayed answering them the most of his
woolens spent in thy house upon cy: servants his
goods are at thy house unrecovered the land the others
was sold by father (and put on thy act to Jayner) for
12th towards a debt due to him for work done since
thou went who has suffered it & lies upon it) Ralph
charges the debt 60 or pounds as thou will find by
the abstract of Debtly Expens wage if there was anything
due to him but I think not much on cy: act he did so little
I desire thee tell me know what thou wth have done about
it and if thou canst charge him debtly to thee let me know
cy: I may the better know how to answer his sister

The land I have in Wrights Town is 1200 acres and only one settlement upon it. I totally offered to him given one, 100 acres of land if he would here seated there, and he hath since bought 100 at a very great price, rather than go so far into the woods. There is about 500 acres yet to take up in the town. The people here — about one much disaffected with (G²) Wright and his cheating tricks he played here. They think much to call it after such a renegade's name; he has out him in those parts these several years, therefore (I) desire them to give it a name. I have sometimes called it Center town because it lies near the middle of the County as it may be supposed, and the town is laid out with a centre in the middle, as thereabouts.

The ~~man~~ ^{man} is totally dead out of thy family. Dr. Blackfan^{van} (?) is a very close man to them and thy concerns, both public & private, and I never heard nothing but that he has carried very well, since his coming, and gained a good report except amongst the disaffected who say otherwise of him in private, but these I regard not. He is amply capable in thy business, and fit for the place, but he is restless, his mind being in England. He is much for having thy proclamation followed for unsettled lands. I told him I rather believed them used it as a spear to put in

people to sell their lands (to) them sealed
on sale at reasonable terms. them to take it
any from them, but he is very earnest to perform
they mind so far as I understand on field.

The rest of the family be indifferent well.
My wife's dear love is to them and them.
She is very much still. My Mother's dear
love is also to them, she is lately come from
Pennsburg to our house here. I am about
accounts as far as time will permit. Ja Addinson
was here this week to make up his a/c for
what he had delivered to Father. The rest
he will make up with the Governor (2.)

I forgot to tell thee that upon the 5th of 4th
Month last. A. Cook & Sam Jennings, Rob^t Dingeld
& I. were chosen arbitrators to decide the
difference ^{between J. G. & F. G. G. G. G.} between J. G. & F. G. G. G., but it was the
most sailing, sailing business that ever I
saw. I never since I come into this Province
saw such unmannerliness & unmannerliness
between the worst in the province as that
day passed between them. He only set their
things before themselves, and return home.

That night I went to A.C. ^(At the Cooks) Coming home
- words next day I saw a storm on ice where
short of thy house. I. Father & Mother were
set in the front parlour next the kitchen,
about 2 in the afternoon & a clap of thunder
came & pitched upon the stack of chimneys
next the kitchen & sent one half of them down.
The storm came with such force into this
room we were in (tho) some of them ran to the

roll down. Landing in the woods a little
terrified (?) with its power, but got over it
again quickly. But on in the room
felt nothing but small (?) besides what can
see. A summer of dreadful thunder
it has been. One man killed in Chester
County, Abandonment of trees torn to pieces
in the woods.

Upon the 19th of the 8th Month, a mighty
whirl came by my house down the
river. He gave me great sport above
the house, one on against the house,
one below the house. My maid being
at the river, told me, I being walked
out of doors. But I was so far off I could
not get to the river soon enough to see him
but it is said (to be) one of the biggest sort
by those that know knowledge in such matters
I believe he came up a little before & went
with the flats above my house & could get
no further over than my return. I was
over cut after him, but he escaped them
all. Ralph Spivey when he did make a will
and left father in law & Ja; Robinson executors but
Ja; Rd. refused, I wish father in law had done so too
to copy what I have said there as also of the inven-
tory and of the debts as they stand in his book that if thou
think fit thou may purchase them, as to the will
it was not well worded I conceive that Ralph
was somewhat afraid of John having the land, that
if Pussilla should have had a child she ^{could} well not
have given it to the child because says he to her rela-
tions afore marriage and John slighted it. The house
is framed & like to be destroyed by fire for want of
effects more of his debts that I hope of will own and
his debts, his sisters pursue very much by letters.

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for their legacies some of them crasing some flattering
& some threatening and in as much as there seemed to
be accounts between these & him in hopes of thy coming
father has still delayed answering them the most
of thy wrolding spent in thy house upon the
servants his goods out of thy house & unrecovered
the land 110⁰ acres was sold by father (and
paid on thy account to Joyner.) for 11⁰ (towards
a debt due to him for work done since those went
who has settled it & lives upon it.) Ralph charges
the debtor 60 od pounds as thou wilt find by
the abstract of debts besides wages if there will find
was anything due to him but I think not
much on thy account - he did so(?) little

I desire thou tell me know what ^{thou} wouldst
have done about it - and if thou const - charge
him debts to thee let me know that I may the
better know how to answer his sister.

My tediousness I fear will weary thee therefore
conclude and own truly thine in the truth ready
to serve thee to my power.

P. Pemberton.